GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2346
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
MINI TRACTOR MANUFACTURING UNITS
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)the names of mini tractor (with 10 Horsepower) manufacturing units in the country;

(b)whether the Government are aware that such tractors are very useful to farmers;

(c)if so, whether the Government have received any proposals from the Government of Gujarat for exemption of Proto-type Certificate in respect of mini tractor manufacturing units in the country;

(d)if so, the details thereof;

(e)whether the proposal is under consideration of the Government;

(f)if so, the details thereof; and (g)if not, whether the Government propose to extend some other concessions to these units and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Mini tractors of 10 Horsepower are not being manufactured in the organised sector.

(b) Small tractors can be useful to the farmers if they have sufficient power to pull the needed implements and carry out farm operations effectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (g) The proposal is for grant of exemption from registration of agricultural mini tractors under provisions of Rule 126 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to enable the manufacturers of mini tractors to obtain proto-type approval certificate. The comments/technical justification on this proposal were called for from the Authorised Testing Agencies in the country. The authorised testing agencies have indicated that any vehicle including mini tractors coming on road has to meet the minimum safety parameters as otherwise it may become a safety hazard to road users. In view of this, it would not be prudent to exclude any such category from the requirement of prototype certification under Rule 126 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules.